

Youth Initiative Program

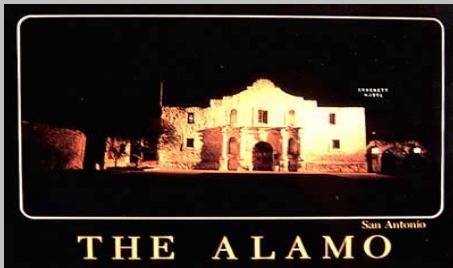
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Network Providers Newsletter

MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2005, at the Alamo Conference Center.



The Alamo is located at 820 N. Raynor, El Paso, Tx. Please make plans to attend. For information call the Youth Initiative Program (YIP) office at (915) 298-9600.

Who's Targeting Your School?

"Your Role in School Safety" Conference

Training objectives:

- () Terrorist awareness
- () Forming Crisis Management Teams in schools
- () Crisis planning
- () School security
- () Dealing with violent behavior in the classroom
- () Differentiating the different types of gangs
- () Identifying gang members
- () Basic understanding of street gangs



The El Paso Police Department's Secure Our Schools and Youth Initiative Program will host a free conference, "Your Role in School Safety", on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the Airport Hilton from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Target audience is school communities and those affiliated in any capacity (open to the public). Registration forms will be available at the June 16th YIP meeting. Register to reserve placement; limited seating. Contact: Esther Mata or Araceli Salcedo at (915) 298-9600.

Secure Our Schools "Code Blue" at Socorro ISD

"Code Blue" Emergency Response Training was provided by the Secure our Schools (SOS) Initiative to administrators and personnel of the Socorro School District at their Leadership Conference held April 28, 2005. Following the training, SOS Coordinators were invited to meet with Cielo Vista Elementary School and their Crisis Management Team. The resulting revised plan was provided as training to their staff of 52 on May 11, 2005. If your school is interested in meeting with the "Code Blue", SOS team, please call 298-9614.



Chief Wiles to Visit YIP

El Paso Police Chief Richard Wiles will be at the Youth Initiative Program (YIP) meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2005 in appreciation of your support and involvement in the community. There was a 15.08 percent decrease in Part 1 offenses for the first four months of 2005, and Chief Wiles credits the community and the many partnerships that have been established to combat crime for this significant reduction. The meeting is open to everyone (details above). Come, meet your YIP partners and get involved. Call YIP: 298-9600.



Pat Dalbin (center) talks to YIP members about the services provided by TxDOT that promote road and traffic safety. Contact: (915) 790-4384.



Officer Slade Davis (center) takes notes on resources. From the NERC, Officer Davis is well-known to YIP partners citywide. Contact: 759-2017.

Summer Fun....Safety First!

Have a fun and safe summer – be aware of being safe. Watch for Heat Hazards – stay hydrated; cover up; use sunscreen SPF 15+; reduce activity intensity with high heat/high humidity. Pedestrians – always watch out; the bright sun could obscure a driver seeing you; cross at crosswalks. Bicyclists – keep bike in good working order; learn to control your bike; know and obey rules of the road; wear protective/reflective gear. Swimming – learn how to swim; use approved flotation device; don't swim alone; don't consume alcohol. Alcohol reduces body temperature, impairs judgment and swimming ability. And remember pet safety, too – plenty of water, shade; do not leave unattended in vehicle. Happy Summer!



American Legion Law Enforcement Post #74 Recognizes Law Enforcement Officer of The Year, Sylvia Weaver

The American Legion Law Enforcement Post 74 recognized Officer Sylvia Weaver as its "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year," for 2004. Officer Weaver works closely with the Central Regional Command's Explorers who won first place in the "traffic stops" category in Atlanta, Georgia. Officer Weaver also teaches DARE, supervises the curriculum and activities of Safety Town, and is a participant in the HOST program (Help One Student To Succeed). In addition to her many ongoing activities, Officer Weaver also established the Central Youth Advisory Board. Congratulations to Officer Weaver and the Central Regional Command for this prestigious award.

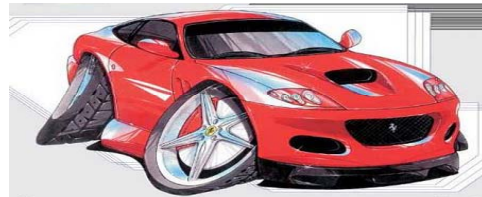
2005 Police Memorial And Dedication of Officer Andrew Barcena Drive

In honor of the 23 El Paso Police Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice and in observance of National Police Week, the El Paso Police Department in partnership with the El Paso Municipal Police Officers Association (EPMPOA) paid tribute to these officers at the Annual El Paso Police Memorial Ceremony on May 20th. The ceremony began when the Police Honor Guard presented the colors. El Paso Police Chief Richard Wiles gave the opening remarks and addressed the families of those officers. Chief Wiles and EPMPOA President Chris McGill placed a wreath at the base of the police monument. The ceremony was reported as having been a very touching and emotional event. The event included the dedication of Officer Andrew Barcena Drive, which is the roadway located to the east of Chuck Heinrich park.

The El Paso Fatherhood Coalition 3rd Annual

Fathers Day of Family and Fun
Saturday, June 4, 2005. 10-2 p.m.

Moto Expo & Health Fair Fair



El Paso Diablos Stadium
9700 Gateway North

Presented by The El Paso Fatherhood Coalition

The El Paso Young Fathers Project, Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso, Inc. Thomason Family Planning, David L Carrasco Job Corps Center, San Elizario ISD, Texas Youth Commission, The Medical Institute, JPD Challenge Boot Camp, Maximus/ Texas Health Steps

**For More
information
please contact:
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Coach Cager's Basketball Clinic

Coach Willie Cager will be holding basketball clinics starting May 30th, 2005 to July 22, 2005, targeting youth from grades 3 to 8. The program will be showing basketball fundamentals and 5 on 5 competitions. Registration will be at each site the first day of the session. Each session is five days, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Coach Willie Cager was a member of the 1966 Texas Western College NCAA Championship Team under Coach Haskins and is now at the office of athletics at Ysleta Independent School District.

[FREE basketball clinics will be at different locations throughout the summer:](#)

HillCrest Middle 8040 Yermoland May 30th
Eastwood Knolls MS 1000 Buckwood June 6th
Del Valle HS 950 Bordeaux June 13th
Parkland HS 5932 Quail June 20th
Thomas Manor 7900 Jersey June 27
Riverside HS 301 Midway July 4th
Ysleta HS 8600 Alameda July 11th
Hanks HS 2001 Lee Trevino July 18th



Disability Conference Needs Exhibitors

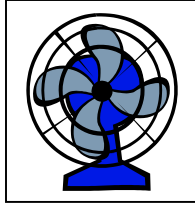
Volar Center for Independent Living is calling for exhibitors for the Our Lives Disability Conference, which will be held on August 19, 2005 at the Camino Real Hotel. Registration for non-profits is \$100; for-profits \$100; includes lunch for one person. Call (915) 591-0800 for exhibit, sponsor, or conference participation information.



Summer Jobs

Upper Rio Grande at Work /El Paso Community College has summer jobs available: work experience program, March 1 - June 30, 2005, and the summer youth program, May 1 - August 30, 2005 for ages 14-21. Contacts: Jo Garcia-August, Maria Tobias, Richard Vega, or Salvador Lopez-Rivera at (915) 831-2145.

Fans Needed To Keep Elderly Cool In The Summer Heat



County Attorney José R. Rodríguez, in collaboration with the El Paso Fire Department, the El Paso County Sheriff, the Area Agency on Aging and all members the El Paso Heat Task Force are pleased to announce the third annual fan drive for the elderly and disabled citizens of El Paso.

The heat has already arrived in El Paso with triple digit highs. As the days of summer get hotter the Task Force is hoping to reduce the number of heat related deaths and injuries. Last year the El Paso heat claimed 13 lives. El Pasoans, 65 years of age or older, who need a fan are urged to call the **County Attorney's Elder Protection Unit at 546-2239** or the **Area Agency on Aging at 533-0998**. It is important to keep windows open while using a fan for optimal cooling. Last year the El Paso community donated 100 fans. The need is again here. If you are interested in donating a fan please take your new fan to the following donation sites:



12501 Montana (Montana Sheriff Station)
436 Vinton Rd. (Vinton Sheriff Station)

All local fire stations
Fire Department Headquarters located at
8600 Montana Ave

The deadline for donating a fan is August 20, 2005. For questions regarding the fan drive please contact Gabriella Edwards-Holguin at 546-2239, attorney for the County Attorney Elder Protection unit. Contact: Lt. Mario E. Hernandez (915) 472-4212.

Have you checked on your neighbor?

El Paso Police Graduate New Victim Services Volunteers And Disabled Parking Enforcers

EL PASO, TEXAS – The El Paso Police Department will be gaining twenty-nine new volunteers that will be working with the Department's Victim Services Response Team (VSRT). Each of these volunteers has undertaken 80 hours of training to assist victims of crime. These volunteers will now join the current staff of VSRT volunteers bringing up the number of VSRT volunteers to more than one hundred. In addition there will be six new volunteers that have completed 25 hours of training that will be joining the Disabled Parking Enforcement Team bringing the total number of Disabled Parking Enforcement Team Volunteers to more than twenty. Both of these teams makeup a very important part of the El Paso Police Department and help extend services to the community that would not be possible without these volunteers. Please join El Paso Police Chief Richard Wiles as these volunteers receive their training certificates and begin to their new volunteer duties.

EPPD To Hold Summer Youth Academy

The El Paso Police Department will hold its Summer Youth Academy beginning Monday, June 13, and concluding on Friday, June 17th. Those interested in attending must register by Wed., June 8, 2005. The Youth Academy will meet Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the El Paso Police Academy located on Scenic Drive. Friday's session will be held at El Paso Police Headquarters, 911 N. Raynor with a graduation ceremony at the end of the day. Attendees will learn about the different sections of the police department such as Crimes Against Persons, Special Traffic Investigations, SWAT, K-9 and many others. Additionally students will be given classes on the Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, physical fitness routine of a recruit and learn to diagram traffic collision scenes. For more information call 564-7301 or 564-7322. Applications will be available after May 30, 2005, at 911 N. Raynor and at all of the Regional Command Centers. Participants must be 14-20 years of age to participate and be able to bring a sack lunch each day.

Victory Warriors



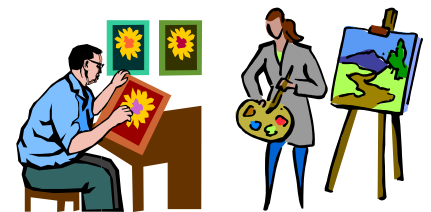
Dance Their Hearts Out

Victory Warriors Drill and Dance Academy will perform "A Step in Time". at the Camino Real Hotel on June 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The Victory Warriors Historical Buffalo Soldiers Marching Unit will perform a tribute, "I Believe I can Fly", to the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II fame. They will remember the present and the past. The grande finale will be combined with all dancers and guests with a "toe tapping" salute to "Juneteenth".

This performance is sponsored through a grant provided by the El Paso City Art and Culture Department. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating and \$5 for the general public. Tickets are available from Victory Warriors and at the door.

Victory Warriors
4445/4437/4439 Edgar Park
El Paso, Texas 79904
Contact: Carolyn Redic or Thelma Bertley at (915) 751-6399



Summer Art Camps at the El Paso Museum of Art begin Tuesday, June 7! Four-day morning or afternoon camps will be offered weekly throughout June and July, for ages 6 to 14. Adult classes will be offered on weekends, ages 15 and up.

City employees will receive Museum membership discount prices on all classes and workshops for the summer. To view available classes call (915) 532-1707 or log onto www.elpasoartmuseum.org.

Thanks to Our School Partners

YIP extends heartfelt appreciation to counselors, at-risk coordinators, teachers, nurses, faculty, and Communities in Schools, for their dedication and service to students, family and community. YIP especially thanks the following high school facilitators for their leadership and support with MARS.

El Paso ISD: Deborah Lunow, Andress High; Christina Soria, Austin High; Linda Romero, Bowie High; Victoria Foster, Burges High; Barbara Augustine, Chapin High; Deborah Jones, Coronado High; Pat Smelser, El Paso High; Rita Aguilera, Franklin High; John Marestein, Irvin High, and Donna Rollins, Jefferson High.

Ysleta ISD: Terry Randall, Bel-Air High; Martha Campos, Del Valle High; Rita Montoya, Eastwood High; Brenda Trejo and Lauren Williams, Hanks High, Margarita Hernandez, Parkland High, Ofelia Gonzalez, Riverside High, and Elizabeth Sanchez, Ysleta High.

Socorro ISD: Nick Cary, Americas & Montwood High and Arlene Lira, Socorro High.



Volunteers Seek Resources

The 9th International Border Conference sponsored by the Child Crisis Center provided information on topics such as family dynamics, gang awareness, community activities for youth, consequences of domestic violence on children, underage cross border binge drinking, and Community Resources "Who Can Help You". YIP congratulates the many volunteers who attended in order that they might increase their outreach and service. Join these volunteers...Sign up and serve!

Newspapers In Education

For a limited time, the El Paso Times is offering to provide newspapers free to youth groups and classrooms to promote reading. Benefits are: improve reading skills, develop vocabulary, word recognition and reading comprehension, increase awareness of current events and community reinforce math skills and problem solving, enhance knowledge and skills in government science, health, economics and history. Contact Mona Pacheco, NIE Coordinator, at 546-6297.



Red Ribbon Calendar 2005

Red Ribbon is a national event honoring Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a DEA Special Agent who was killed in 1985 by drug traffickers.

The Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition is seeking information on all Red Ribbon events for an area-wide Promotions Calendar. To be included please call RGSC at (915) 775-2555.



Have A Happy And Safe Fourth of July!



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